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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM BEIRUT DATED OCTOBER 22, 1975 SENT
SECSTATE WASHDC USIA, INFO CAIRO, DAMASCUS, JIDDA,
AMMAN, TEL AVIV, ATHENS, ANKARA, TEHRAN IS REPEATED TO YOU:

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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPING OF TWO USIA OFFICERS

1. REGRET REPORT THAT APPROXIMATELY 0645 THIS MORNING
CHARLES D. GALLAGHER, DIRECTOR USIA REGIONAL SERVICE
CENTER AND WILLIAM R. DYKES, DEPUTY DIRECTOR RSC WERE
KIDNAPPED ENROUTE TO WORK BY AS YET UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS.
GALLAGHER AND DYKES WERE PROCEEDING TO RSC UP CORNICHE MAZRA
AT BASTA ROAD WHEN THEY CUME UPON A GROUP OF ARMED INDIVIDUALS
IN FATIGUE UNIFORMS BLOCKING THE ROAD. VEHICLE
OBLIGED TO STOP AND TWO INDIVIDUALS ENTERED VEHICLE
AND DROVE UP RUE BASTA. TWO LOCAL FEMALE EMPLOYEES
OF RSC ALSO IN VEHICLE SUBSEQUENTLY APPEARED AT RSC. WE HAVE
RECEIVED FOREGOING PRELIMINARY INFORMATION FROM RSC BUT
SINCE THEN, TELEPHONE LINES OUT AND WE HAVE SENT OFFICER
TO RSC TO INTERVIEW FEMALE EMPLOYEES BUT LILL PROBABLY
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NOT HAVE FURTHER INFO FOR ANOTHER TWO HOURS.

2. IN THE MEANTIME WE HAVE NOTIFIED NATIONAL GENDARMERIE,
SURETE GENERAL, PRIMIN KARAME AND SAEB SALAAM AND LEBANESE ARMY G-2.
ALSO ENDEAVORING CONTACT ABBAS KHALAF, JUMBLATT'S DEPUTY, IMMAN MUSA
SADR, SAEB SALAAM AND, IN A ROUTINE MANNER, THE FOREIGN OFFICE.
ALL AVAILABLE EMBASSY ASSETS BEING BROUGHT TO BEAR
ON THIS PROBLEM.
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